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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Make Plans to Attend the Minnesota Green Expo January 5-7 in Minneapolis

By Robert Panuska



As we watch that last irrigation head blow clean, staple that last cover down and park the leaf mulchers and blowers for the last time, we can begin to reflect on the events of the last year. As I start working on our budget for the upcoming year, my assistant Seth and I are looking for creative ways to further reduce our expenses and still provide our members with a quality course. It seems the past few years, more than ever, we have all been faced with making difficult choices. I think my Green Chairman said it very well when speaking to some new members on our committee. "This next year will not be nearly as much fun as the past when we were deciding on what projects to complete but now we have to be willing to make difficult choices about our maintenance program." As you begin the process of explanation and justification of your budget to the leadership at your facilities, do not hesitate to call on your "network" of turf professionals in the MGCSA. It never hurts to "bounce" ideas off someone else.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the superintendents that hosted our events this past year. They include: Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, Jeff Vinkemeier, John Steiner, CGCS, James Bade, Mike Kelly and Terry Negen. Gentlemen, you and your staff are to be commended for all the efforts you put forth on behalf of the MGCSA, THANK YOU!!!!

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If you have not already done so, be sure to register for the Minnesota Green Expo coming up January 5 to 7, 2005 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Registration materials may be found at www.minnesotagreenexpo.com. Please plan to attend the MGCSA Annual Meeting to be held at the Green Expo on Thursday, February 6 at 4:45 p.m. Also make plans to attend the Golf Industry Show in Orlando in early February. The "new" design of the show looks very good and much more "user" friendly for attendees.

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Finally, I would like to thank everyone for your trust and support this past year. The MGCSA continues to prosper and grow because of your support. Also thank you to Scott and Jeff Turtinen and the officers and Board members for your service; you are what "makes it happen" for the MGCSA. I look forward to next year and the opportunities that await us. Until next year, have a very merry Christmas and joyous holiday season. May God bless you and your family.

-Rob

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